which states that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner <u>must examine it on the merits</u>, <u>even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions</u>. [Emphasis added.]

Accordingly, it is urged that this Election of Species Requirement should be withdrawn and that an Action on the merits as to all of Claims 1-20 should be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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